

Amendment to the Specification:

Kindly amend the second paragraph of the Applicants' Background of the Invention located at Page 1, Line 23 – Page 2, Line 3 of the application as follows:

~~Transparent~~ Transparent, highly effective UV-protective coatings based on condensation-crosslinking sol/gel materials can be prepared from zinc oxide in primary-particle-dispersed form (nano-ZnO dispersion) (EP 1 146 069 A2). For this, the anhydrous nano-zinc oxide dispersion in dichloromethane or chloroform described in WO 00/50503 is used. The use of halogenated solvents, however, is prohibitive for commercial marketing of these coatings and also of the sols present.